

**The Primary Comprehension Toolkit**  
**Lesson Title/Text List for Grades K-2 RCS**

Cluster 1: Monitor Comprehension	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2
1. Think About the Text <i>Look, listen, talk, write and draw to express thinking</i>	Mrs. Wishy Washy by Joy Cowley	A <i>The Art Lesson</i> by Tomie dePaola  <i>Chair for my Mother</i> by Vera B. Williams	<i>Alexander and the Horrible No Good Very Bad Day</i> by Judith Voirst
			<i>Dear Aunt Pat</i> ST
2. Notice and Think about Nonfiction Features Construct a Feature/Purpose Chart	<i>Ask the Farmer</i> ST	<i>Who Lives in the Zoo?</i> ST	<i>The Grizzly Bear</i> ST
		<i>Taking a Trip</i> Poster	<i>Fly With a Butterfly</i> Poster
3. Explore Nonfiction Features Create Nonfiction Feature Books	<i>The Country</i> ST <i>The City</i> ST	<i>Who Lives in the Zoo?</i>	<i>Riding the Rails</i> TT – 2/3 <i>My Puppy is Born</i> TT – 2/3
Cluster 2: Activate & Connect	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2
4. Discover Your Passion Become a specialist	<i>The Three Goats</i> ST <i>Carpenter</i> ST	<i>Make a Sandwich</i> ST	<i>Riding the Rails</i> <i>My Puppy is Born</i> TT – 2/3
			<i>Symmetry in Nature</i>
5. Think about What You Know Write teaching books	<i>We Take Care of our Pets</i> ST	Pumpkins by Gail Gibbons	<i>Breathing Underwater</i> TT – 2/3
			<i>Footprints in the Forest</i> ST <i>Don't Trash the Earth</i> ST
6. Make Connections <i>Use personal experience to construct meaning</i>	<i>Patches Lost and Found</i> By Steven Kroll	<i>Chrysanthemum</i> by Kevin Henkes	<i>Ira Sleeps Over</i> by Bernard Weber out of print
			<i>Community Helpers</i> ST <i>Celebrations Timeline</i> ST

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7. Merge Thinking with New Learning <i>Stop, think, and react to information</i>	<i>Meet Eric Carle</i> ST	<i>Bats</i> by Gail Gibbons	<i>Insects</i> by Robin Bernard
		<i>Shadows</i> TT – 2/3	<i>Breathing Underwater</i> TT – 2/3
		<i>Off To School</i> ST	
Cluster 3: Ask Questions	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2
8. View and Read to Learn and Wonder Use images and words to gain understanding	<i>Counting Fruit Salad</i> ST	<i>Our Class Pets</i> ST <i>My Neighborhood</i> ST	<i>Watch Me Grow</i> ST
	<i>Spiders</i> Poster		
9. Wonder About New Information <i>Ask questions when you read, listen, and view</i>	<i>Kids at Play</i> ST	<i>Samuel Eaton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Boy</i> by Kate Waters	<i>Recess at 20 Below</i> by Cindy Lou Aillaud
		<i>Old and New</i> ST	<i>Reading With Your Fingers</i> TT – 2/3
10. Use Questions as Tools for Learning <i>Understand why some questions are answered and some are not</i>	Any text that asks questions.	<i>Biggest, Strongest, Fastest</i> by Steve Jenkins	<i>Amelia's Road</i> by Linda Jacobs Altman and Enrique O. Sanchez
11. Read With a Question in Mind <i>Find answers to expand thinking</i>	Any text that asks and answers questions.	<i>Snowflake Bentley</i> by Jacqueline Briggs Martin	<i>Tornado</i> by Catherine Chambers
			<i>Where in the World do Tornadoes Happen?</i> ST

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Cluster 4: Infer & Visualize	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2
12. Infer Meaning <i>Merge background knowledge with clues from the text</i>	<i>A New Home</i> ST	<i>Honey, I Love and other poems</i> by Eloise Greenfield	<i>The Butterfly</i>
			<i>The World is an Open Book</i> <i>Fireflies</i> TT – 2/3
13. Learn to Visualize <i>Get a picture in your mind</i>	<i>Families: The Things We Do Together</i> ST <i>Dictionary</i> ST	<i>June 29, 1999</i> by David Wiesner	<i>Twilight Comes Twice</i> by Ralph Fletcher
			<i>Wings in Water</i> TT – 2/3
14. Make Sense of New Information Infer from features, pictures, and words	<i>A New Home</i> ST	<i>Sensing the Seasons</i> ST	<i>I Like Art</i> ST
			<i>Ladybugs Grow Up</i> Poster
			<i>The World is an Open Book</i> TT – 2/3 <i>Fireflies</i> TT – 2/3 <i>Wings in Water</i> TT – 2/3
15. Infer and Visualize with Narrative Nonfiction <i>Tie thinking to the text</i>	<i>Antarctica</i> by Helen Cowcher	<i>Dandelions</i> by Eve Bunting	<i>The Condor's Egg</i> by Jonathan London and James Chaffee
Cluster 5: Determine Importance	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2
16. Figure Out What's Important Separate important information	Any Non-fiction text	Any Non-fiction text	<i>Crackle, Flash, Boom</i> TT 2/3
			<i>Prairie Dog Homes</i> ST
			<i>Amazing Helen Keller</i> Poster
17. Paraphrase Information Merge your thinking to make meaning	<i>A Visit To Mexico</i> Poster	<i>A Visit to Mexico</i> Poster	<i>Totem Poles, Family Stories</i> ST

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18. Organize Your Thinking As You Read Take notes to record information			From Egg to Salamander TT – 2/3 Crackle, Flash, Boom TT – 2/3 From Egg to Salamander TT – 2/3
Cluster 6: Summarize & Synthesize	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2
19. Summarize Information Put it in your own words and keep it interesting			<i>Postcards from the Desert Museum</i> ST
			<i>Flying Again</i> TT – 2/3
20. Read to Get the Big Ideas <i>Synthesize the text</i>		<i>The Great Kapok Tree</i> by Lynne Cherry	<i>Julius The Baby of the World</i> by Kevin Henkes
			<i>Clouds</i> TT – 2/3 <i>Seeing With Sound</i> TT – 2/3 <i>Clouds</i> TT – 2/3
21. Explore and Investigate Read, write, and draw in researcher's workshop		<i>Let's Go Hiking</i> ST	<i>What's the Weather Out There?</i> ST
22. Share Your Learning Create projects to demonstrate understanding.	<i>A Stick Puppet Play</i> ST		What Time Is It? ST

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